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LIFE.17:
THE REAL BATTLE BEGINS!

BIKUN (JOLT)

ビクッ

AH~♪

GYUMU (SQUISH)

ギュッ

CHUKU (KISS)

チュ

GUI (YANK)

グイッ

...HERE YOU ARE, LAID-BACK AS ALWAYS, ONII-SAMA.

HMM

THE GAME TO DECIDE THE FATE OF YOUR ENGAGEMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, AND YET.....

HAAH.

MPH!

AH!

I'VE HEARD THAT THEY'RE NOT WASTING THEIR TEN DAYS. THEY'RE GETTING STRONGER.

OF COURSE, RAVEL. OUR VICTORY IS ASSURED, AFTER ALL.

TCH. IT WAS JUST GETTING GOOD...

AND THEY HAVE THAT WILD CARD SACRED GEAR ON THEIR SIDE. IF WE GET CARELESS, THEY MIGHT JUST...

ZOKU (CHILL)

KUHI KUHI KUHI

DON'T TURN YOUR ANGER ON ME.

HAAH .....

THERE IS NO "MIGHT."

NO MATTER. I FEEL SORRY FOR RIAS, BUT WE WON'T BE HOLDING BACK. THIS WON'T BE ALL FUN AND GAMES.

HMM?

KON KNOCK KON

ALL RIGHT!

ISSEI-SAN, MAY I COME IN?

YEAH, SURE.

ZURUN (SLIP)

スッ!!

KACHA (CLICK)

ガチャ

КУАН!

WHOA!

PYULILIN (FWIP)

ピュー

BANANAS ...?

SORRY. I WAS PRACTICING MY SECRET BATTLE TECHNIQUES ...

BUT NEVER MIND THAT. ASIA, THOSE CLOTHES ...

PHEW ...!

GASHI (CATCH)

AFTER SOME THOUGHT, I DECIDED THAT THIS OUTFIT SUITS ME BEST .....

I WAS TOLD TO DRESS AS I PLEASED...

THANK YOU.

MOJI

MOJI (FIDGET)

UH... ISSEI-SAN.

IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD ON YOU.

I MAY BE A DEVIL NOW, BUT I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN MY FAITH.

YEAH, YOU WERE WEARING THE NUN OUTFIT WHEN WE FIRST MET TOO. GUESS IT'S NATURAL FOR YOU.

WH-WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?

GYU (CLUTCH)

MAY WE JUST SIT HERE FOR A MINUTE?

...I CAN'T STOP SHAKING AT THE VERY THOUGHT OF THE SCARY BATTLE THAT'S COMING UP...

BURU (TREMBLE)

BURU

GABA (GRAB)

WHOA!

EH-HEH-HEH. I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING WHEN YOU'RE BY MY SIDE.

ASIA ...

BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE AROUND, ISSEI-SAN, I KNOW I'LL BE OKAY.

.....CAN WE STAY LIKE THIS UNTIL IT'S TIME TO LEAVE?

SURE.

...I'M GLAD.

...WOULD IT BE OKAY TO STAY WITH YOU FOREVER, ISSEI-SAN?

YEAH. TOGETHER FOREVER.

APPROX-IMATELY 11:40 P.M., KUOU ACADEMY OLD SCHOOL BUILDING—

UM, PRESI-DENT.

WHAT IS IT?

YOU HAVE ANOTHER "BISHOP," DON'T YOU, PRESIDENT? WHO IS THAT EXACTLY?

THERE'S ASIA, PLUS ONE MORE...

I'LL TELL YOU MORE SOME OTHER TIME.

UNFOR-TUNATELY, MY OTHER "BISHOP" CAN'T JOIN US NOW.

THIS RATING GAME WILL BE BROADCAST TO ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES. THE DEVIL KING LUCIFER WILL ALSO BE WATCHING. TAKE CARE NOT TO FORGET THIS.

THE GAME WILL BEGIN IN TEN MINUTES. HAVE YOU ALL MADE THE NEC-ESSARY PREPARA-TIONS ?

YUN OHUMO

SO ONII-SAMA IS GOING TO SEE THIS FIRST-HAND .....

GASSOO

HUH...!? ONII-SAMA?

WHAAAA —!? WAIT... LUCIFER? I THOUGHT THE PRES-IDENT WAS FROM THE HOUSE OF GREMORY??

THE PRESI-DENT'S OLDER BROTHER IS A DEVIL KING, LUCIFER-SAMA.

SO THE TITLE OF DEVIL KING WAS GRANTED TO SEVERAL IMMENSELY POWERFUL DEVILS.

PRESENTLY, THERE ARE FOUR OF THESE MIGHTY DEVILS, EACH OF WHOM INHERITED THEIR NAMES FROM THE FIRST DEVIL KINGS— LUCIFER, BEELZEBUB, LEVIATHAN, AND ASMODEUS.

THE PRIOR DEVIL KING PERISHED IN THE LAST GREAT WAR. HOWEVER, DEVILS CANNOT BE WITHOUT A KING.....

HE'S NOT USING THE GREMORY NAME ANYMORE? SO THAT'S WHY THE PRESIDENT IS THE HEIRESS TO HER HOUSE.....

SIRZECHS LUCIFER, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE CRIMSON SATAN," IS THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER AND THE STRONGEST OF THE DEVIL KINGS.

SO THE PRESIDENT'S BIG BROTHER WAS CHOSEN AS SUCCESSOR TO THE DEVIL KING.

IN A MOMENT, I WILL SEND YOU TO AN ALTERNATE PLANE THAT WILL SERVE AS YOUR BATTLEFIELD.

IT IS ALMOST TIME. EVERYONE, PLEASE PROCEED TO THE MAGIC SEAL.

MOREOVER, ONCE YOU ARRIVE ON SITE, TELEPORTING OUT VIA MAGIC SEAL WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL THE GAME HAS ENDED.

EVERYTHING IN THE SPACE IS ENTIRELY EXPENDABLE, SO FIGHT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

SO THERE'S NO COMING BACK UNTIL THE GAME'S BEEN DECIDED.....

GOKU (GULP)

VLIN (HUMM)

HUH? THE CLUB-ROOM? WE DIDN'T MAKE IT?

SHUUUN (SHOOM)

Greetings, all. I, Grayfia, servant to House Gremory, will be your referee for this game.

For the battlefield, we have prepared a replica of Rias-sama's school— Kuou Academy.

In the name of my master, Sirzechs Lucifer, I shall closely observe this fight.

THE SKY'S TOTALLY WHITE! DEVIL POWER SURE IS SOMETHING, TO BE ABLE TO CREATE A PERFECT REPLICA IN ANOTHER DIMENSION!

WOW! SO THIS IS ALL FAKE!? SEEMS SO REAL, THOUGH!

IT'S EVEN GOT ASIA'S RATCHUU-KUN...

INDEED. LOOK OUT THE WINDOW.

AH, THAT MEANS ME.

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In regards to each team's base... the teleportation destination of each team is its base. Rias-sama's base is the Occult Research Club-room in the old school building. Riser-sama's base is the student council room in the new school building.

Pawns aiming for promotion, please proceed to the perimeter of the enemy base.

WE NEED THESE TO STAY IN TOUCH ON THE BATTLEFIELD, SO DON'T BREAK IT.

PLEASE WEAR THIS COMMUNICATOR IN YOUR EAR.

Now then, please begin.

KIIIIN (DIIIING)

KOOON (DONNNG)

KAAAN (DANNNG)

The game is about to begin. The match ends at daybreak in the human realm.

SIGN: KUOU PRIVATE ACADEMY

FIRST, WE HAVE TO CRUSH RISER'S "PAWNS."

HE HAS EIGHT OF THEM.

AND WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF ANY MANAGE A PROMOTION TO "QUEEN."

YOU'RE SO CALM ABOUT THIS...

WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED, YOU KNOW?

RATING GAMES GENERALLY TAKE A LONG TIME, SO IT'S WORTHWHILE TO GET USED TO THE FIELD. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RELATIVELY QUICK VICTORIES IN THE PAST, THOUGH.

THE BATTLEFIELD'S OUR SCHOOL, SO THAT MAKES US THE HOME TEAM AT LEAST.

YUUTO.

RIGHT.

WE CAN CONSIDER THE WOODS NEARBY PART OF OUR TERRITORY.

THE NEW BUILDING CAN BE CONSIDERED RISER'S. WITH THE COURTYARD IN FULL VIEW OF IT, PASSING THROUGH THERE WILL BE RISKY FOR US.

PRESIDENT, MAYBE WE SHOULD FOCUS ON OCCUPYING THE GYM GIVEN ITS PROXIMITY TO OUR BASE? IF WE CAN TAKE IT, THAT'LL SECURE A ROUTE TO THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WHILE ALSO CUTTING OFF OUR OPPONENT.

SECURE

Pool

Tool Shed

Gymnasium

Club Rooms

Old School Building

Our Base

OUR ENEMY WILL LIKELY EXPECT THAT AND STATION SEVERAL FIGHTERS THERE.

THEY'LL WANT HIGH-MOBILITY UNITS, SO PROBABLY THREE OR FOUR KNIGHTS AND PAWNS.

SO WE'LL GET INTO THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING BY THE SPORTING GROUNDS IN BACK?

Main Courtyard

Multi-Purpose Hall

4 Living Quarters

New School Building

Pool

Tool Shed

Gymnasium

Tennis Courts

Sporting Grounds A

Club Rooms

Old School Building

Sporting Grounds B

Our Base

WOODS

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YES.

...UNDER-STOOD.

FIRST, I'D LIKE YUUTO AND KONEKO TO SET A TRAP IN THE WOODS.

I WAS THINKING JUST THAT. THE ENEMY MAY COMMIT THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE "ROOKS" INSTEAD OF RELYING ON MOBILITY.

YES, OF COURSE.

AKENO, WOULD YOU SET UP SOME MIST AND ILLUSIONS AROUND THE WOODS AND IN THE SKY HERE?

UH, UMM..... SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DOKI

DOKI (BADUMP)

WELL THEN, SEE YOU GUYS LATER.

...LATER.

COME LIE DOWN OVER HERE.

HUH!?

PON (PAT)

YES, OF COURSE. YOU NEED TO AIM FOR PROMOTION, ISSEI.

GOT IT! SO I'LL HEAD INTO ENEMY TERRITORY AND.....

SUSU (SLIDE)

I-I'M IN YOUR HANDS!

ON HER THIGHS? IS THIS THE LEGENDARY LAP PILLOW!? FORGET ENEMY TERRITORY! THIS IS THE TERRITORY TO END ALL TERRITORIES!

UU! UU.....! MOM, DAD, THANKS SO MUCH FOR BRINGING ME INTO THIS WORLD!

NO NEED TO CRY NOW.

NADE

NADE (STROKE)

FU (FWOOM)

...I'M GOING TO SLIGHTLY UNDO THE SEAL I PLACED ON YOU.

HUH? SEAL?

WE CAN DO THIS ANYTIME. YOU REALLY ARE SUCH A DRAMATIC BOY.

UU! BUT, PRESIDENT, HAVING MY HEAD ON YOUR LAP IS SUCH A MOVING EXPERIENCE, I CAN'T STOP THE TEARS FROM FLOWING!

MU (IRK)

REMEMBER HOW I NEEDED ALL EIGHT "PAWNS" IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU MY SERVANT?

YES.

WHAT'S THIS FEELING.....? LIKE POWER IS WELLING-UP FROM-DEEP INSIDE ME..... ACCLIMATING ITSELF TO MY BODY.....

SO I BROKE UP THE POWERS INTO MULTIPLE TIERS AND SEALED THEM OFF. I'M UNSEALING ONE OF THOSE TIERS NOW.

BUT YOUR BODY WASN'T A STRONG ENOUGH VESSEL FOR ALL EIGHT WHEN I REVIVED YOU.

THAT'S WHY SHE PUT ME THROUGH THE WRINGER..... SORRY I CALLED YOU AN OGRE IN MY HEAD, PRESIDENT!

STILL, YOU HAVE A WAYS TO GO IN SOME RESPECTS.

YOUR TRAINING WAS TO HELP YOU HANDLE THE POWERS OF YOUR BOOSTED GEAR AND YOUR ABILITIES AS A PAWN.

UUUU...

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO EASY ON YOU, AFTER ALL.

NOW LISTEN, ISSEI. EVEN IF YOU COME UP AGAINST FEMALE OPPONENTS, YOU MUSTN'T HOLD BACK, ALL RIGHT?

NADE (RUB)

NADE

UUUUUU...

NADE

NADE

AND REMEMBER THAT THROUGH PROMOTION, YOU CAN BECOME AN ALL-POWERFUL "QUEEN."

NADE

THAT POWER CAN CONTROL THE FLOW OF BATTLE.

UUUUU!

PUU (POUT)

MM-HMM. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, MY DEAR ISSEI.

G-GOT IT!

I'M DEFI-NITELY GONNA WIN THIS ONE FOR YOU, PRESI-DENT!

GU (CLENCH)

NADE

NADE

You won't be able to avoid a fight once in the gym, but it's a critical location, so follow my instructions.

THE PREPA-RATIONS ARE COM-PLETE, PRESI-DENT!

Yuuto, I want you to proceed as I ex-plained earlier.

I'LL HEAD OUT TOO, THEN.

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME TOO.

..... VERY WELL.

YES, PRESI-DENT.

Akeno, wait for the right moment, then proceed.

Y-YES!

ASIA, YOU'RE GOING TO STAY HERE ON STANDBY WITH ME, IN THE BASE. WE'LL OBSERVE THE BATTLE AND ADVANCE WHEN WE CAN.

WE MUSTN'T LET THEM TAKE YOU OUT. WE DON'T HAVE MANY FIGHTERS, WHICH MAKES A RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST LIKE YOU ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.

COME ON! LET'S BLOW HIM AWAY!

NOW THEN, MY PRECIOUS SERVANTS, ARE YOU ALL READY? THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!

OUR OPPONENT IS RISER PHOENIX, HERALDED AS A GENIUS EVEN WITHIN THE PHOENIX FAMILY!

RIGHT!

ISSEI-SAN! EVERYONE! PLEASE GIVE IT YOUR BEST!

THERE IT IS! THERE'S THE GYM!

YEAH, WE'LL BE THERE SOON!

I'LL BE WAITING UP AHEAD!

DA CDASH!

.....I SENSE THEM. .....ENE-MIES.

.....I THINK WE CAN GET ON THE STAGE FROM HERE.

.....BUT, MAN, THIS GYM IS LIKE THE REAL THING.

WE KNOW YOU'RE UP THERE!

SERVANTS OF GREMORY!

YOU BET! BOOSTED GEAR, STANDBY!

BOOST!

ONE ROOK AND THREE PAWNS .....

.....PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE PAWNS, ISSEI-SENPAI. THE ROOK IS MINE...

GIRI (CLENCH)

GACHIN (CLUNK)

DORUN (VROOM)

WE'LL CUT YOU TO PIECES!

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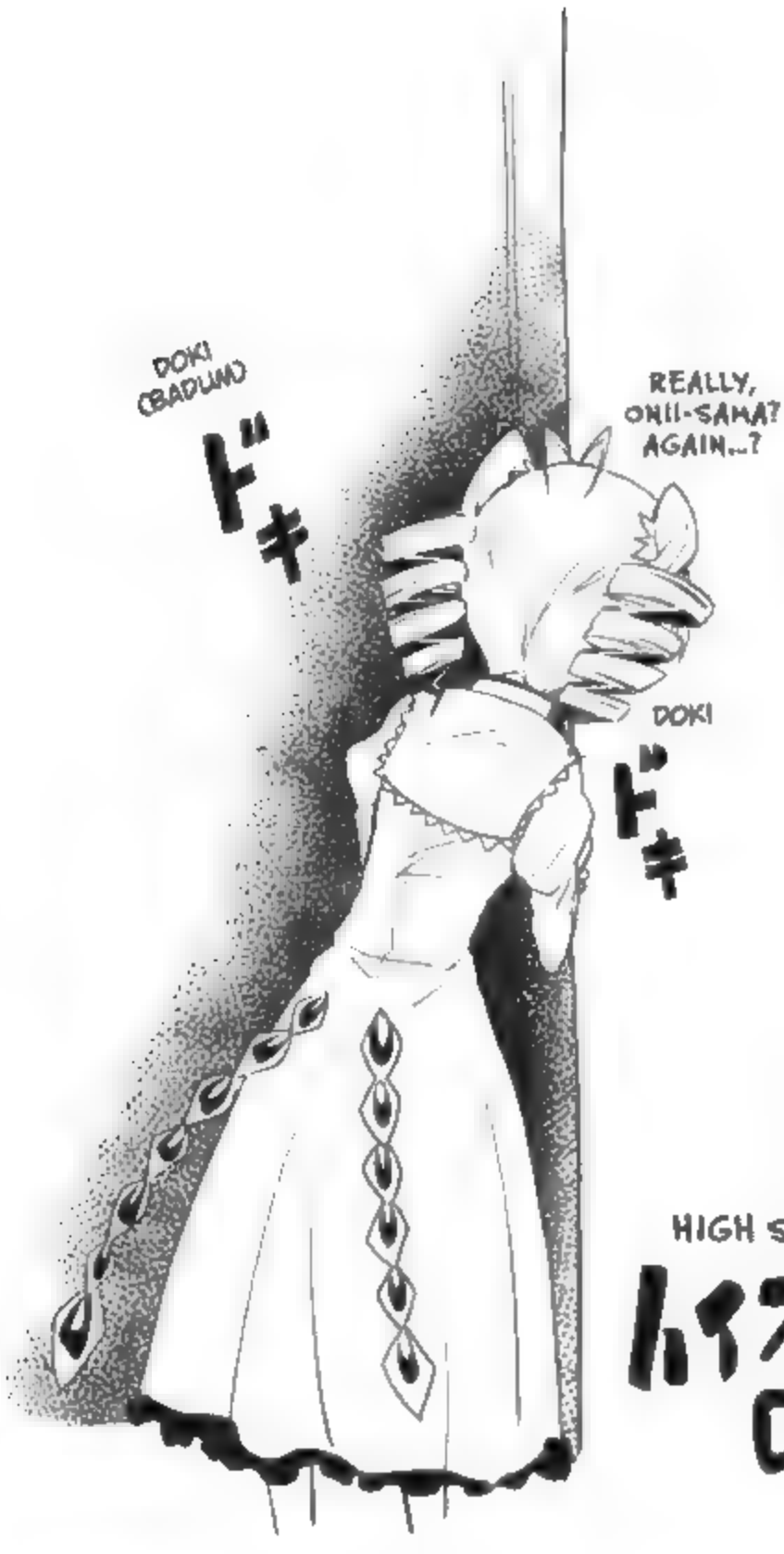

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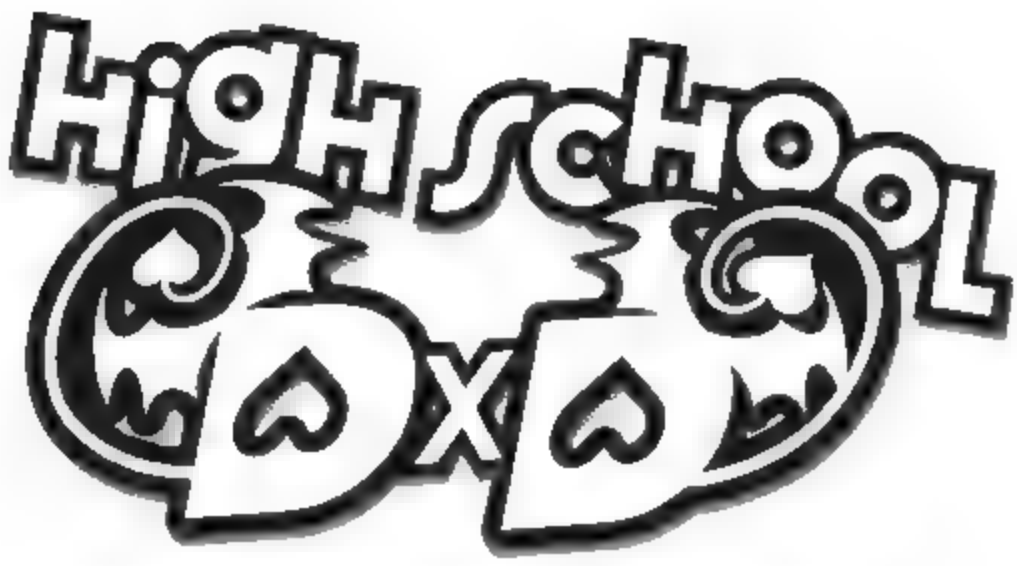
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LIFE.18:
MY KILLER MOVES WILL ENTRANCE YOU!

ZA (CROWD)

DORURURURU (VROOM)

KUN (FWIP)

WE'LL CUT YOU TO PIECES! ♪

DOKA (THUD)

BAKI (WHACK)

BESIDES, THE ONE WITH THE STAFF TOOK ME DOWN ONCE ALREADY... I CAN'T LOSE TO HER AGAIN!

GIRLS SHOULDN'T BE MESSING AROUND WITH BIG-ASS POWER TOOLS! I DON'T WANNA WIND UP IN BITS!

HYU (FWOOSH)

A FIGHT BETWEEN ROOKS..... NO WONDER IT'S SO LOUD.

KUN!!

DON (BANG)

I ONLY JUST STARTED POWER-ING UP. I CAN'T TRY ANYTHING FANCY YET!

WHOA!

BUON (VOOM)

ALL I CAN DO IS DODGE!

PIECES! PIECES! PIECES! PIECES!

DA (DASH)

GYUUUUUN (VWEEEE)

OW, OW, OW...

KYAH !!

DON (BAM)

AH!

I GOT CARE-LESS.

HE'S GOT NOTHING! GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME!

COME ON, NEL!

BOOF!!

NICE! THAT'S STAGE TWO!

BUT THE TRAINING CAMP AND SEAL REMOVAL DID WONDERS! I'M MOVING WAY BETTER THAN EXPECTED!

CRAP, THAT WAS CLOSE!

BLUO (WHOOM)

HOH!

HYLIN (FWOOSH)

WHOA!

KYAAH!

BE A GOOD BOY AND LET US DIS-MEMBER YOOOU!

WAIT! COME BACK HERE, YOOOU !!

DOTA

DOTA

DOTA

DOTA

DOTA (STOMP)

HERE WE GO! STAGE THREE! C'MON, MY SACRED GEAR-KUN!

BOOST

APPROACH!!

HFF!

.....I CAN'T BREAK HIS GUARD.

HFF!

GEEZ! YOU PISS ME OFF!

WHY CAN'T WE GET HIM?

EHH!?

GYUN (ZOOM)

GA (SMACK)

YOU TWO ARE FIRST!

HUNH?

TAKE THAT!

PON (PAT)

HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO ONEE-CHAN!?

BLIN (WHOOSH)

KYAH!

DON (BAM)

HAAAH!

DAN (CRUSH)

?

?

BAKI (SNAP)

GRAH!

GASHI (SNATCH)

HYAH!!

DON

KAHA CHACK

KAAAAH, THAT SMARTS... THAT STAFF WAS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT.

HE GOT MY BUTT.

HE TOUCHED MY CHEST.

FUUUU (BLOW)

FUUU

DOKA (THUD)

KYAH!!

NICE GOING, KONEKO-CHAN!

...I'M FINISHED HERE.

DON (THUD)

!!! HMM?

GISHI (STRAIN)

GNNGH!

FU-FU-FU! BETTER SAVE THE THREATS FOR WHAT'S NEXT! NOW EAT THIS, MY NEW KILLER MOVE .....!

BI (LIFT)

FU FU FU!

AW YEAH, GUESS IT'S TIME FOR MY BIG FINISH TOO.....!

JUST YOU WAIT! WE'RE GONNA MAKE MINCE-MEAT OF YOU!

EEEEE!

UGH! RISER-SAMA'S GONNA BE REAL MAD IF WE LOSE TO THIS GUY!

MY STAFF...

DAMU

DAMU (STAMP)

DRESS BREAK!

PACHIN (SNAP)

PON (POP)

NOOOOOOOOO!

JITOOO (STARE)

FURU (SHAKE)

HOW D'YA LIKE THAT? I PUT EVERY LAST DROP OF WHAT LITTLE MAGIC POWER I HAVE INTO A SECRET TECHNIQUE DESIGNED JUST TO DISROBE THE LADIES!

HA HA HA HA HA !!

I TRAINED BY ***PEELING THE SKINS FROM FRUITS AND VEGETABLES*** UNTIL I WAS READY TO COLLAPSE .....

I PUT THE IMAGE OF YOUR ***CLOTHES RIPPING AWAY*** INTO MY MAGIC, LET IT FLOW INTO YOU, THEN ACTIVATE IT!

YOU'RE THE WORST! A MENACE TO ALL WOMEN!

YOU BEAST! YOU DEVIANT INCARNATE!

SITOOO

GUSAAA (STAB)

HA-HA-HA! SAY WHAT YOU WANT.

I'VE LOST ALL RESPECT FOR YOU.

Issei, Koneko, can you hear me?

.....I'VE LOST ALL RESPECT FOR YOU.

HOW DISGUST-ING.....

YEAH! WE'RE ALL GOOD HERE!

I'VE LOST YOU.

.....OR SHOULD I SAY, I'M FEELING GOOD!

Akeno's ready to go! Let's go ahead with the plan we discussed!

KOKU (NOD)

HUH?

DA (DASH)

YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY!? ISN'T THIS A CRITICAL LOCATION FOR YOU!?

JUST LIKE THE CENTER OF THE CHESS-BOARD, THE GYMNASIUM IS INDEED CRUCIAL. I EXPECTED THEY WOULD ALSO TRY TO TAKE IT.

THAT MADE IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT.

TO USE IT AS BAIT, THAT IS.

TAKE.

DOGAGAGA (KABOOM)

Three of Riser Phoenix-sama's "Pawns" and one of his "Rooks" have been retired.

ZUZUZUZU CFSSSSHHHD

AMAZING..... BETTER REMEMBER TO NEVER PISS OFF AKENO-SAN.....

IT'S JUST LIKE KIBA SAID BEFORE .....

U FU FU

IT MAKES SENSE AKENO-SAN'S CALLED THE "VESTAL OF THUNDER"...

HA-HA-HA. DON'T WORRY. I'D NEVER USE IT ON AN ALLY.

SUTA

SUTA (STRIDE)

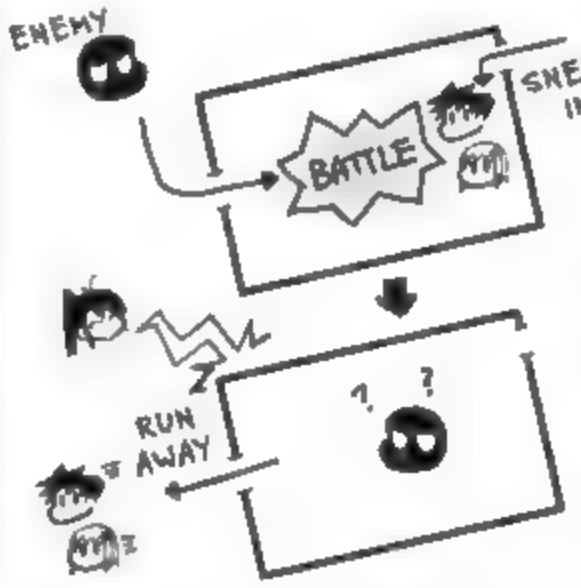
...IT'S STILL A NASTY MOVE.

.....PLEASE DON'T TOUCH ME.....

WE DID IT, KONEKO-CHAN!

SU (SWF)

THIS WAS THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN. KONEKO-CHAN AND I WOULD ACT AS DECOYS AND INFILTRATE THE GYM, WHICH WE KNEW THE ENEMY WOULD BE OBSERVING. AFTER LURING THE ENEMIES INSIDE, WE WOULD ESCAPE, AND AKENO-SAN WOULD UNLEASH HER MASSIVE LIGHTNING ATTACK AND DESTROY THE BUILDING.



OUR PLAN WORKED!

WE'RE S'POSED TO MEET UP WITH KIBA AT THE SPORTING GROUNDS, RIGHT?

LET'S MOVE, KONEKO-CHA—

Well done. Building up that lightning attack takes some time for Akeno, so while we're waiting for her to recharge, we'll move on to the next operation.

WE DIDN'T EVEN GET HURT, PRESIDENT!

GOT IT!

.....KO-KONEKO-CHAN!

DON (BOOM)

!?

ZUZU (FSSHH)

FU-FU-FU! ALL YOUR STRUGGLES ARE FOR NOTHING. YOU'LL NEVER BEAT RISER-SAMA.

THAT'S GOTTA BE RISER'S QUEEN .....

TAKE.

.....ISSEI-SENPAI..... AKENO-SENPAI.....

.....I WANTED TO BE MORE USEFUL.....

KO-NEKO-CHAN!

One of Rias Grem-ory-sama's "Rooks" has been retired.

HANG IN THERE! WE'LL GET YOU TO ASIA, AND SHE'LL MAKE YOU BET—!

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT HER. IN THESE GAMES, RETIRED FIGHTERS ARE INSTANTLY TRANSPORTED TO A TREATMENT FACILITY.

.....I'M SORRY.

DAMMIT! GET DOWN HERE AND FIGHT ME!

FU-FU-FU! NOISY LITTLE BOY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE BLOWN UP AS WELL? JUST LIKE THAT YOUNG LADY?

MAY I CALL YOU THE "BOMB QUEEN"?

DEAR, DEAR. NO, I WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT, QUEEN YUBELLUNA-SAN.

I'M NOT FOND OF THAT NICKNAME, MISS "VESTAL OF THUNDER."

ISSEI-KUN.

B-BUT—!

ISSEI-KUN, PLEASE REGROUP WITH YUUTO-KUN. I'LL TAKE OVER HERE.

ZOKU (CHILL)

YOU HAVE YOUR ROLE TO PLAY, DO YOU NOT? WELL, THIS IS MINE.

BACHI (CRACKLE)

BARIRI (SPARK)

I'LL GIVE EVERY-THING I HAVE TO CRUSH THIS ONE!

DON'T FRET. I'LL AVENGE KONEKO-CHAN.

BACHI

GU (CLENCH)

KUH!!

IT'S ALL YOURS, AKENO-SAN!

DON (BOOM)

ZUN (THOOM)

GAAN (BAM)

Three of Riser Phoenix-sama's "Pawns" have been retired.

FUU (PANT)

THREE PAWNS? BUT THE PRESIDENT'S STILL AT OUR BASE, AND AKENO-SAN'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT .....

!?

BA CTURN

I HEARD. IT'S REALLY TOO BAD. USUALLY I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT SHE'S THINKING, BUT SHE WAS ACTUALLY PUMPED ABOUT THIS GAME.

I'M SORRY. KONEKO-CHAN WAS...

DOKI (BADUM)

DOKI

OH, IT'S JUST YOU...

YEAH.

SIGN: TIDINESS IS A VIRTUE

YEAH. I MANAGED TO GATHER THE ONES PATROLLING THIS AREA AND TAKE THEM OUT IN ONE SHOT, BUT THEIR BOSS WAS TOO COOLHEADED TO FALL FOR MY TRAP.

RATHER, SHE SACRIFICED THE PAWNS IN ORDER TO ROOT OUT BOTH ME AND MY INTENTIONS.

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOOK OUT THOSE PAWNS?

GOCH! (KNOCK)

.....

LET'S WIN THIS.

YOU BET.

IS HE MAD?

GIRI (GRIND)

RISER IS FOND OF SACRIFICES.

OTHERS WILL GATHER HERE TOO SINCE WE DESTROYED THE GYM.

THERE'S A KNIGHT, A ROOK, AND A BISHOP LURKING AROUND THE SPORTING GROUNDS AND CLUB-ROOMS.

SO WHAT'S THE SITUATION NOW?

THAT'S ROUGH...

KEEP IT DOWN...

WELL, SURE I AM! I'M A NOVICE FIGHTER, AND I'VE BEEN THROWN INTO THE DEEP END OUTTA THE BLUE!

FUUU (BREATHE)

FURU (SHAKE)

FURU

YOU NERVOUS?

OH, YOU TOO...?

GU (CLENCH)

AN HONEST-TO-GOODNESS BATTLE AMONG DEVILS... AS WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE OUTCOME OF THIS GAME WILL IMPACT MY ENTIRE FUTURE.

THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.

FURU

FURU (WAVE)

MY NERVES, THIS TENSION IN THE AIR, I'M TAKING IT ALL IN AND LETTING IT NOURISH ME.

I'M FEELING BOTH JOY AND TERROR. THIS TREMBLING ISN'T SOMETHING I WANT TO FORGET.

HE'S MOTIVATING HIMSELF, EVEN IN A PINCH LIKE THIS...BATTLE REALLY DOES BRING OUT HIS BEST.....

YEAH.

LET'S GET STRONGER TOGETHER, ISSEI-KUN.

ZUI (THRUST)

SO! HOW'S ABOUT WE PUT TOGETHER A SPECIAL COMBO THAT'S SURE TO GET THE LADIES ALL HOT AND BOTHERED...?

GU (JAB)

HA-HA-HA! CAN I BE THE "TOP," THEN?

I AM KARLAMINE, A KNIGHT SERVING RISER-SAMA.

...

NO WAY, DUMMY! IF ANYONE'S THE "TOP," IT'S ME!

WAIT, NO! DIE, PRETTY BOY!

GATAAAN (RATTLE)

OH..... I THINK WE'VE BEEN FOUND.

MMPH .....

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS SNEAKING AROUND AND FEELING EACH OTHER OUT, KNIGHT OF RIAS GREMORY. COME AND PIT YOUR BLADE AGAINST MINE, KNIGHT TO KNIGHT!!

BAN (BAM)

GARA (SLIDE)

WHAT!?

HMPH... I CAN'T KEEP HIDING AFTER BEING CALLED OUT LIKE THAT...

ZA (STAND)

AS A KNIGHT, THAT IS.

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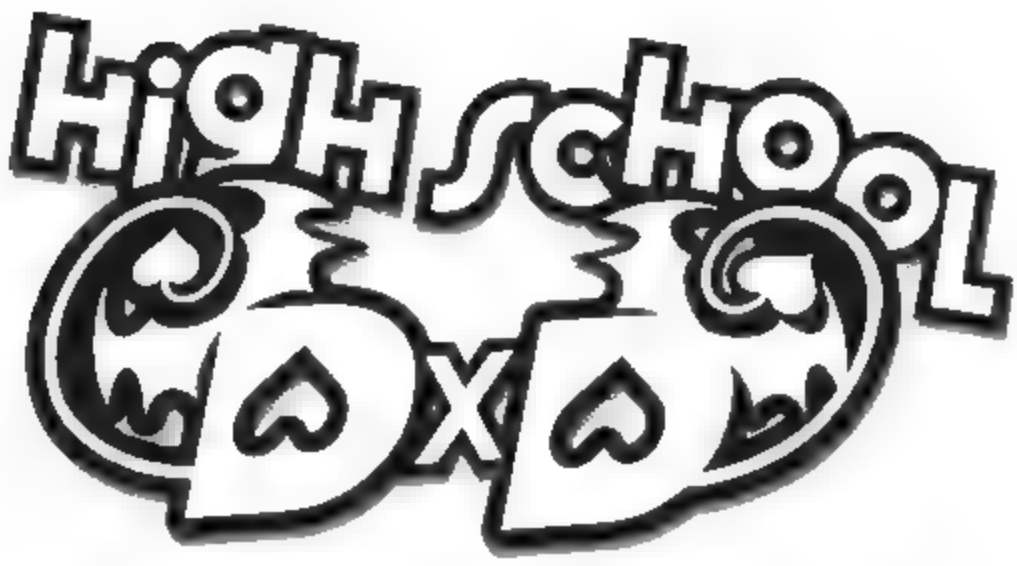
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LIFE.19:
WE'LL PUT OUR POWERS TOGETHER!

HA-HA-HA!

ALWAYS A JOY TO MEET FIGHTERS WHO BOLDLY STEP OUT, FRONT AND CENTER!

YOU'RE MY FAVORITE TYPE OF IDIOTS.

THAT'S RICH, COMING FROM YOU.

ZA (STAND)

I'M YUUTO KIBA, A KNIGHT.

AND I'M ISSEI HYOUDOU, A PAWN!

I'LL GIVE YOU A FIGHT THAT'S ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY.

BYU (FWIP)

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MATCH BETWEEN US KNIGHTS.

WELL SAID, KNIGHT OF RIAS GREMORY!

DA (DASH)

KACHA (SHING)

GIN (CLANG)

UGH. SHE'S SO UNREFINED. ALL SHE CAN THINK ABOUT ARE SWORDS.

HAAA (SIGH) はぁ…

YOU LOOK BORED.

GOOD LUUUCK!

WHAT'M I S'POSED TO DO NOW...?

BOOSTED GEAR, STANDBY!

Boost!

BA (WHAP)

I GUESS YOU TWO'RE THE ROOK AND THE BISHOP.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S JUST WATCHING. I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT.

GOODNESS, I'M NOT GETTING MIXED UP IN THIS. WON'T YOU TAKE CARE OF HIM, ISABELA?

PLEASE HURRY UP AND TAKE CARE OF HIM...

SHE'S RAVEL PHOENIX, RISER-SAMA'S YOUNGER SISTER.

WHAT THE HECK? THIS GAME'S REAL IMPORTANT, Y'KNOW!

SHE'S SPECIAL, THOUGH.

BURU (TREMBLE)

BURU

HUNNNH!? YOU'RE TELLING ME HIS SISTER IS ONE OF HIS SERVANTS?

IT'S CAUSE FOR MANY AN ADMIRING AND ENVIOUS STARE. BUT I'M NOT INTO LITTLE SISTER MOE. REALLY. SHE'S JUST HERE AS A DEVIL OF MY HOUSEHOLD.

...SO HE SAYS.

IT'S PREMIUM, SEE?

ACCORDING TO RISER-SAMA...

BRINGING ONE'S OWN LITTLE SISTER INTO THE HAREM IS A TRADITION KNOWN THE WORLD OVER... HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE TERM "INCEST"?

ENOUGH TALK. LET'S GO!

HYU (WHOOSH)

DAMN THAT BIRDBRAIN! WHAT A PERVY IDIOT! I WISH I WERE HIM!

DOGO (SLAM)

GAH-HAH!

BOGON (BOOM)

I'LL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU. I WAS SURE IT WAS ALL OVER WHEN THAT KICK CONNECTED...

...BUT I CAN TELL YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING HARD.

BIRI CZZMM

BIRI

SU (FSSHH)

JUST 500 MORE !!

PUSU (SHAKE)

WHEEZE WHEEZE

BUT THE PRESI-DENT WAS WITH ME DURING TRAINING, FROM DAWN TO DUSK.

THREE MORE LAPS!!

...DAMN STRAIGHT. SO HARD I THOUGHT I'D DIE.

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE TOP!!

I WON'T LOSE! I GOTTA WIN THIS FOR THE PRESIDENT!

.....

PRESIDENT. IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I CAN FIGHT AT ALL NOW!

I MAY BE WEAK AND INEXPERI-ENCED, BUT I'LL STILL TAKE YOU DOWN!

...WELL, THAT GOT YOU RILED UP. GUESS I TOUCHED A NERVE.

KCH!!

PASHU (FWSH)

TOO BAD FOR YOU THAT'S NOT ALL MY SACRED GEAR CAN DO.

SO THAT WAS THE HOLY ERASER? TOO BAD FOR YOU. YOUR SACRED GEAR WON'T WORK ON ME.

EVEN THE MIGHTIEST BLAZE WILL BE EXTIN-GUISHED BY MY FLAME DELETE.

BYUO (WHIZ)

FREEZE!

PAKIIN (CRACKLE)

ZA (SKSH)

.....SO YOU HAVE MULTIPLE SACRED GEARS!?

NO WAY!

PAKIIN

KA (GLARE)

WRONG. I MADE THESE.

DO

DO (BURST)

SWORD BIRTH.

MY SACRED GEAR ALLOWS ME TO CREATE MAGIC SWORDS AT WILL.

KA (SHINE)

THERE! 150 SECONDS EXACTLY!

EXPLOSION!

Boost!!

BYUN (WOOSH)

I'M DIFFERENT THAN I WAS A SECOND AGO!

SA (DODGE)

GOT YA! THAT'S ALL I NEEDED!

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POMU (TOUCH)

HAAH!!

PAAA (GLOW)

...ARE YOU SERIOUS?

ARE YOU MESSING WITH ME?

HUH?

HEH?

TEAR AWAY! DRESS BREAK!

PAAN (POP)

NOOO!

AND NOW TO FINISH THIS—

GYUOO (RUMBLE)

SURI (RUB)

SURI

OOH! WHAT A TIGHT BODY! AND MASSIVE BOOBS TOO! TAKING A MENTAL SNAPSHOT NOW! THANKS FOR THE VIEW!

WHAT— WHAT THE HELL!?

DRAGON SHOT!!

DO (BOOM)

One of Riser Phoenix-sama's Rooks has been retired.

YESSS!

GAAN (BLAM)

WE'D BE WISE TO VIEW HIM AS MORE THAN JUST AN ORDINARY PAWN. BUT THAT TECHNIQUE... SO GROSS...

TWO SHOTS LEFT. WELL, I WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ONCE I FIRE THE SECOND...

PHEW...

PASHUN (FSSHHHD

Reset

THAT JERK.

!!

HEY, YOU. PAWN-KUN.

PEKORI (BOW)

I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR OUR ISSEI-KUN'S LECHERY.

BAN (BAM)

GAH! THEY'RE ALL HERE!

RISER-SAMA IS HAVING A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT. TAKE A LOOK.

PRESI-DENT!

OH, THAT BROTHER OF MINE! I SUPPOSE HE'S GETTING EXCITED BECAUSE RIAS-SAMA IS PUTTING UP A BETTER FIGHT THAN EXPECTED.

THEN AGAIN, OUR VICTORY IS ASSURED, SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR HIM TO JUMP IN. PERHAPS IT'S PITY.

KUI (FLICK)

HOW AMUSING. RIAS-SAMA NEVER STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST AN IMMORTAL OPPONENT.

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GU (CLENCH)

THE PRESIDENT'S NO PUSHOVER! AND I'LL BE BY HER SIDE SOON ENOUGH! THEN WE'LL TAKE HIM DOWN TOGETHER!

ZA (STAND)

MEOW! ♪

Boost!

SHIT! BOOSTED GEAR!

MEOW, MEOW!

DA (DASH)

AND DON'T LET HIM TOUCH YOU. HE'S GOT A SHAMEFUL TECHNIQUE THAT WILL RIP OFF YOUR CLOTHES!

IF HE MANAGES THREE POWER-UPS, HE'LL BECOME TOO MUCH FOR YOU TWO. SO BE SURE TO END IT IN UNDER TWENTY SECONDS!

BA (LUNGE)

YOU BRUTE!

SORRY FOR BEING A GUY!

THINKING WITH YOUR LOWER HALF MAKES YOU STUPID!

KUH!

BAN (SLAM)

OW!

DON (THUD)

FU-FU-FU! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN IF HIS LEGS ARE BROKEN.

BAKI (CRACK)

G3AH!

DON (BOOM)

DAMN. CAN'T MOVE MY LEGS, CAN'T DODGE, AND I'M LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS... NO...I CAN'T GET RETIRED HERE... I GOTTA PULL THROUGH FOR THE PRESIDENT...

PURU

PURU (SHAKE)

GAKU (SLUMP)

DO (THUD)

ZUOOO (FOOM)

...PRESI-DENT.

.....I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

...NO WAY...

.....SHE'S LOSING? WHAT IF SHE LOSES? SHE'LL HAVE TO MARRY THAT.....!

...PLEASE LEND ME YOUR POWER! BOOSTED GEAR!!

RED DRAGON EMPEROR-SAN! IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, GIVE ME A SHOUT.....

I NEED MORE! I COULDN'T SAVE ASIA BACK THEN! NOW IT'S THE PRESIDENT, AND I CAN'T LOSE ANYMORE! SO PLEASE! ANSWER ME WITH THE STRENGTH I NEED!

DRAGON BOOSTER!

PAA (GLOW)

DRAGON BOOSTER, SECOND LIBERATION!!!

GYUOO (ROAR)

IT TRANS-FORMED!?

UNLEASH YOUR SACRED GEAR!

KIBAAAA!

HUH? YOU MEAN MY SWORD BIRTH?

YEAH!

BA (WHAP)

BOOSTED GEAR! SECOND ABILITY!

...UNDER-STOOD!

KA (PUSH)

BOOSTED GEAR GIFT!

(GHIIN (CLANG)

TRANSFER!!

DO (SHHNK)

SWORD BIRTH!

PAA (GLOW)

Two of Riser Phoenix-sama's Pawns, both of his Knights, and one of his Bishops have been retired.

SHUUU (FSSHHH)

.....THIS CAN'T BE...

ZU (SHNK)

AW YEAH!!

GON (KNOCK)

ゴレッシン

IS THIS ALSO THE DRAGON'S POWER .....?

SHUU

WHAT!?

NO WAY! THEY GOT AKENO-SAN!?

Rias Gremory-sama's Queen has been retired.

I USED MY GAUNTLET TO BOOST YOUR ATTACK AND—

AMAZING ..... ISSEI-KUN, WHAT IS THIS POWER .....?

!?

DON (BOOM)

ZUZU (FWOOSH)

DOSHA... (THUD)

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Rias Gremory-sama's Knight has been retired.

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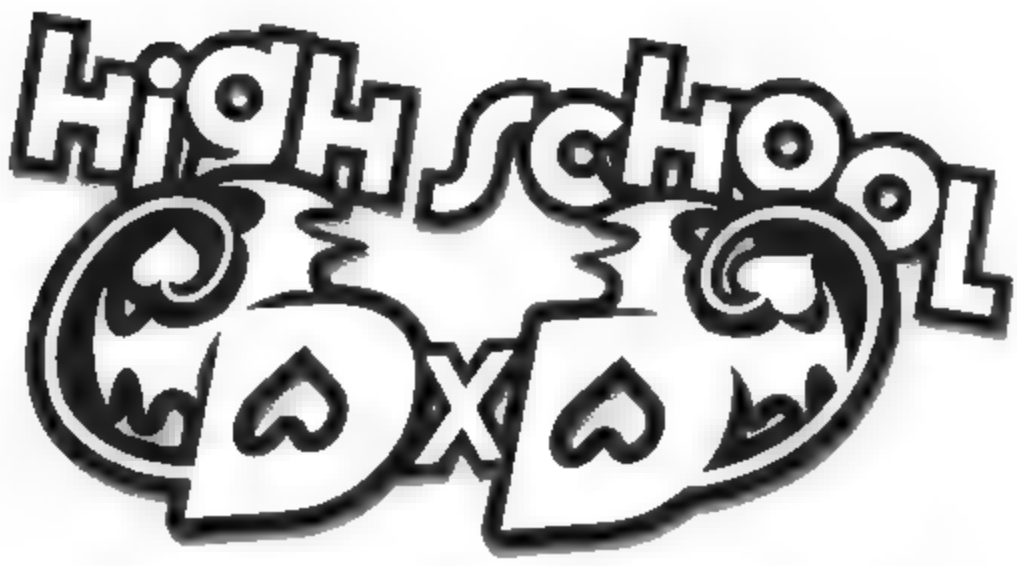
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LIFE.20:
I...CAN STILL FIGHT!

QUEEN AND KNIGHT. TAKE.

SAAAA (FSSHHH)

PAKIN (CRACK)

PAKI

NOW AKENO-SAN AND KIBA TOO...!!

IT'S JUST LIKE WITH KONEKO-CHAN...

GET DOWN HERE! I'LL AVENGE THEM ALL!

HEH.

DA (DASH)

SHIT! HOLD IT!

STILL EAGER TO FIGHT?

!!

I'M AN IMMORTAL PHOENIX, REMEMBER? I CAN'T BE DOWNED BY AN ATTACK LIKE THAT. FURTHER-MORE...

HOW ARE YOU STILL ...!?

WHO SAID YOU COULD DO THAT!?

THE RULES OF THE GAME STATE THAT "THE USE OF UP TO TWO VIALS IS PERMITTED," SO THERE'S REALLY NOTHING UNFAIR ABOUT IT.

...EVER HEARD OF *PHOENIX TEARS*? THEY HAVE THE POWER TO HEAL ANY SORT OF INJURY.

QUEEN YUBELLUNA AND I HAVE BEEN CARRYING THESE THROUGHOUT THE GAME.

SUTA (STRIDE)

SUTA

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YOU AND RIAS-SAMA ARE ALREADY AT YOUR LIMITS. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY DESTRUCTIVE POWER LEFT, NOR EVEN THE ABILITY TO RECHARGE WITH YOUR SACRED GEAR!

OH HOH HOH!

DID YOU EVER REALLY THINK YOU STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST A PHOENIX?

YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE ANYWAY, SO STAYING HERE AND CHATTING WITH ME IS REALLY YOUR BEST AND SAFEST OPTION.

GAAH!

H-HEY! ARE YOU IGNORING ME!?

I GAVE YOU FAIR WARN-ING!

BIKU (JOLT)

SA (SHIELD)

TALK TO YOUR-SELF IF YOU WANT. BUT COME NEAR ME, AND I'LL STRIP YOU BARE.

PROMO-
TION!
QUEEN!

DOKUN
(BADUM)

...THIS IS ENEMY TERRITORY, SO I CAN PROMOTE MYSELF.

BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT TO PROTECT ASIA AND THE PRESIDENT!

EVEN WITH THE PROMOTION, GUESS I'M JUST ABOUT RUNNING ON EMPTY, HUH...

KUH.

FURA
(WOBBLE)

DA
(DASH)
A!!

THAT'S WHY THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE!

RAAAGH!!

ISSEI HYOUDOU REPORTING FOR DUTYYY!

PRESIDENNNNNT!

BAN (WHAM)

ISSEI-SAN!

ISSEI!

THE DRAGON KID, HUH? SO RAVEL LET YOU SLIP BY.

RISER-SAMA, ALLOW ME TO TAKE CARE OF THAT BISHOP AND PAWN...

NO. I'LL SERVE AS THE OPPONENT FOR ALL THREE. I'M SURE THEY'LL CONSENT TO THAT AS WELL.

THIS IS NO JOKE!

SHUUU OFSSHHH

TAKING THIS FURTHER WILL ONLY MAKE YOU LOOK WORSE BEFORE YOUR FATHER AND SIRZECHS-SAMA, WHO ARE WATCHING THE GAME.

YOU'RE FINISHED. THIS IS CHECKMATE, RIAS.

ZUZUZU OFSSSHHH

RIAS.

JUST RESIGN.

SHUT IT, RISER! I WON'T GIVE UP! I'M THE KING, AND I'M STILL STANDING!

HUH ...?

ASIA, WHEN YOU'RE DONE HEALING ME, STAND BACK.

BA OBAN

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S NOT OVER YET!

I CANNOT ALLOW THAT.

...I UNDER-STAND.

SHUN (DROOP)

SORRY. WATCHING YOU TRY TO PROLONG THIS IS PITIFUL. SO I'VE SEALED OFF YOUR ABILITY TO RECOVER.

KYAH!

VLIN (HUMM)

YES!

KUH...! WE'RE GONNA KEEP FIGHTING, RIGHT, PRESIDENT?

BA (TURN)

WELL SAID, ISSEI! LET'S BRING DOWN RISER TOGETHER!

WE MAY BE BACKED INTO A CORNER, BUT AS LONG AS I CAN STILL MAKE A FIST, THIS AIN'T OVER!

!!

BURST.

LET'S DO THIS!

Y'HEAR THAT, BOOSTED GEAR? THAT'S AN ORDER FROM MY MASTER! WE GOTTA KICK THE SHIT OUTTA THIS GUY! THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

SHUN (FADE)

KYUDO (VRRR)

ISSEI!?

GAHA (HACK)

HFF!

HFF!

AND THROUGH CONTINUAL USE, YOU'VE LONG SINCE REACHED YOUR LIMIT.

THE POWER OF THE BOOSTED GEAR TAKES QUITE THE TOLL ON ITS BEARER, MORE SO THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.

GRAAAH!

GU (GRIT)

...NO WAY. I CAN STILL...

SHUUN (SLUMP)

BOTA (DRIP)

PRES-IDENT, LET'S GO!

DO (WHAM)

BON (BOOM)

W/ !?

TCH !

KI (GLARE)

I HAVE TO... PROTECT THEM...

FURA (WOBBLE)

SHUUU (FSSHHH)

HFF!

HFF!

PRESI-DENT...

HFF!

ISSEI!

...I'M FINE... WE CAN WIN...

ZUDO (KERWHAM)

THEN THE PRES-IDENT WILL 'SMILE' AT ME, WON'T SHE...?

...AND GIVE THE GIFT OF VICTORY TO THE PRES-IDENT...

...I'LL BEAT DOWN RISER...

I'LL WIN THIS...

...I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE...

...I'M GONNA BE THE STRONGEST PAWN EVER...THE STRONGEST...

...ISSEI, YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH. IT'S OKAY.

DO (THUD)

ISSEI!

ENOUGH ALREADY, ISSEI!

FURA (SWAY)

!!

SU (PASS)...

LISTEN TO M—

BA (WHAP)

ISSEI, STOP IT!

...YOU DUMMY.

JUST LOOK AT THE STATE OF YOU. YOU LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS A LONG WHILE AGO...

YOU FOUGHT SO HARD, ISSEI.

ANY MORE OF THIS AND I WOULD HAVE LOST THAT SMILE FOREVER.

EVEN IN THIS STATE, HE KEPT ON FIGHTING FOR ME... THIS BOY, WHO'S ALWAYS SMILING, WHO ALWAYS TRIES HIS HARDEST, ALWAYS READY TO DO ANYTHING FOR ME.

I DIDN'T DESERVE IT, BUT YOU ALL FOUGHT SO HARD FOR ME.

THANK YOU... AKENO, YUUTO, KONEKO, ASIA..... AND ISSEI.

THIS IS MY LOSS.

I RESIGN.

YOU ARE A UNIQUE BEING WITHIN WHOM A DRAGON DWELLS, SO STOP FAILING SO MISERABLY. I WILL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT FROM THAT "WHITE BASTARD."

!?

HUH ...?

AS YOU ARE NOW, YOU WILL NEVER BECOME STRONGER.

YES. YOUR DESIRE IS MY DESIRE, AFTER ALL. THE "WHITE BASTARD'S" TOO. THAT'S WHY I HELPED YOU MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

THAT VOICE... YOU'RE THE DRAGON FROM MY DREAM? DID YOU GIVE ME THAT POWER-UP BEFORE?

DESIRE? WHAT DESIRE...? AND WHO'S THIS "WHITE BASTARD" ANYWAY!?

HE WILL APPEAR BEFORE YOU EVENTUALLY. HE AND I ARE FATED TO CLASH FOREVER, YOU SEE.

I AM THE WELSH DRAGON, DDRAIG. ISSEI HYOUDOU, I RESIDE IN YOUR LEFT ARM.

DDRAIG ...

HOT!

...JUST WHAT ARE YOU...?

LOSE, WIN, AND THEN KEEP WINNING. DO SO, AND SURELY YOU WILL MEET HIM.

THE TASTE OF DEFEAT IS NOT A BAD THING. WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU CAN ONLY MAKE YOU STRONGER. HOWEVER, FOR YOUR LOSS TO HAVE MEANING, YOU MUST WIN THE NEXT FIGHT.

YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHEN THE TIME COMES. BECOME STRONGER IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT DAY. I AM PREPARED TO GIVE YOU POWER AT ANY TIME, BUT KNOW THAT IT WILL COME AT NO SMALL SACRIFICE TO YOU.

BUT I WILL SHOW YOU THE VALUE OF SUCH A SACRIFICE.

!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING EXACTLY ...?

...I...

DEMON-STRATE THE POWER OF THE DRAGON TO THOSE WHO HAVE MOCKED YOU.

GRAYFIA-SAN!

YOU ARE FINALLY AWAKE, THEN.

RISER-SAMA WON THE MATCH. LADY RIAS RESIGNED.

WHY AM I HERE? HOW DID THE FIGHT END...? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRESIDENT !?

—!

WHY AM I SO WEAK...?

...SO I LOST TO RISER.

...I'M PATHETIC.

IF I'D BEEN JUST A BIT STRONGER WHEN RESCUING ASIA, SHE COULD'VE GONE ON LIVING AS A HUMAN. AND NOW, IF I HAD ONLY BEEN A LITTLE MORE...

...WHAT ABOUT KIBA AND THE OTHERS?

THEY ARE ACCOMPANYING LADY RIAS.

ISSEI-SAMA, YOU AND ASIA-SAMA ARE THE ONLY RELATED INDIVIDUALS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

LADY RIAS AND RISER-SAMA'S ENGAGEMENT PARTY IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THE DEVIL REALM.

SO ASIA DIDN'T GO...

ASIA-SAMA DECIDED TO STAY HERE WITH ME TO CARE FOR YOU.

SHE IS RETRIEVING FRESH TOWELS AT THE MOMENT.

...I SEE. I MUST'VE HAD HER WORRIED.

HAVE YOU STILL NOT GRASPED THE SITUATION?

WE MIGHT'VE LOST THE GAME, BUT I STILL DON'T ACCEPT THE RESULTS.

LADY RIAS IS OBEYING HER HOUSE'S DECISION, YOU KNOW?

I GET IT! I REALLY DO! BUT STILL, I—

I DON'T WANNA SEE THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWING ORDERS FROM HER PARENTS THAT SHE DOESN'T EVEN AGREE WITH!

I DON'T WANNA LET THAT BASTARD HAVE HER!

FU FU FU.

YOU ARE TRULY AN AMUSING INDIVIDUAL. YOU WEAR YOUR FEELINGS ON YOUR SLEEVE AND SPEAK YOUR MIND WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT. I HAVE NEVER MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

GOSO (RUSTLE)

SERIOUSLY...? NOT SURE HOW TO FEEL ABOUT THAT COMING FROM THE DEVIL KING HIMSELF.

NEVER SEEN HER SMILE BEFORE—

DO YOU KNOW, SIRZECHS-SAMA ALSO CALLED YOU "AMUSING" AFTER WATCHING YOU PERFORM?

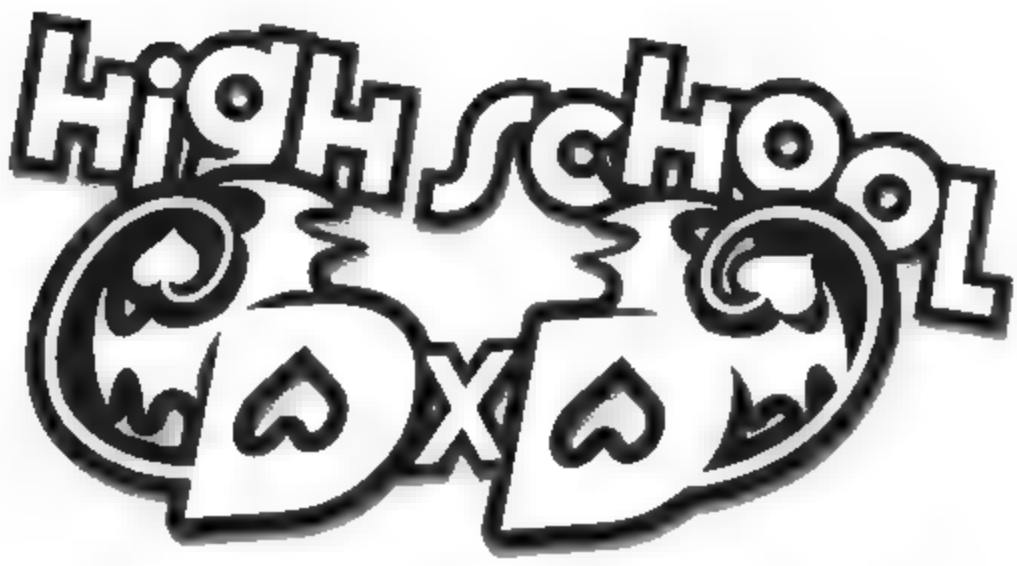
THIS MAGIC SEAL CAN TRANSPORT YOU TO THE ENGAGEMENT PARTY IN THE DEVIL REALM.

I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM SIRZECHS-SAMA.

WH-WHY GIVE IT TO ME...?

IF YOU WISH TO SAVE MY LITTLE SISTER, COME AND CRASH THE PARTY.

SO THEN I SAID, BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH, AND...
SPEAKING OF HIM, BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH, RIGHT!!
HEY! LISTEN TO THIS, WON'T YOU!?
RECOVERY ROOM FOR RETIRED FIGHTERS
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH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LIFE.21:
I'M TAKING THE PRESIDENT BACK!

"IF YOU WISH TO SAVE MY LITTLE SISTER, COME AND CRASH THE PARTY."

THERE YOU HAVE HIS MESSAGE.

THE DRAGON... THE ONLY ENTITY TO NEVER PICK SIDES.

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING, I SENSED A TREMENDOUS POWER INSIDE OF YOU.

THERE'S NO "IF" ABOUT IT.

SHURU (UNRAVEL)

PERHAPS IF YOU WERE TO DRAW ON THAT INFERNAL POWER...

VUN (HUM)

IF I WANT TO SAVE HER... HUH?

MARCH

JULY

DECEMBER

ISSEI-SAN!

DON (SLAM)

AAAAAH!

WHOA!

THANK GOOD-NESS... I'M SO HAPPY.

GUSU

EVEN AFTER I HEALED YOU, YOU STILL SLEPT FOR TWO WHOLE DAYS... I WAS WORRIED YOU'D NEVER WAKE UP AGAIN...

GUSU (SOB)

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I'M GOING TO THE PRESIDENT NOW.

ASIA, LISTEN TO ME.

RIGHT. I'M GOING TO TAKE HER BACK.

...I SUPPOSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CELEBRATE ...?

NO. YOU HAVE TO STAY HERE, ASIA.

I'LL BE FINE. I JUST HAVE TO TAKE DOWN RISER, AND—

I'M COMING AS WELL!

YOU'RE GOING TO GET ALL BEAT UP... I CAN'T STAND TO SEE YOU LIKE THAT AGAIN, ISSEI-SAN ...!

HOW CAN YOU SAY YOU'LL BE FINE!?

...PLEASE PROMISE ME...

GASHI (GRAB)

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I'M NOT GONNA DIE. NO MATTER WHAT.

OH, RIGHT. I NEED TO ASK FOR A FAVOR, ASIA.

?

YES?

...PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL COME BACK SAFELY, WITH THE PRESIDENT.

I PROMISE.

I WANNA MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, BOY?

NOW THEN... CAN YOU HEAR ME, RED DRAGON EMPEROR DDRAIG?

ISSEI!?

BAN (WHAM)

HEY, YOU! JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE—

AND I'VE COME TO TAKE BACK OUR PRESIDENT, RIAS GREMORY-SAMA!

WHAT THE—?

ZAWA (CHATTER)

HEY, ALL YOU HIGH-CLASS DEVILS, LISTEN UP! YOU TOO, PRESI-DENT'S BROTHER, MR. DEVIL KING!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?

ZAWA

I'M ISSEI HYOUDOU FROM THE OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB AT KUOU ACADEMY!

MY, MY, SO YOU'RE HERE AT LAST.

...YOU'RE LATE.

BA OBAN

ISSEI-KUN! LEAVE THESE GUYS TO US!

SUU (BREATHE)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

FU FU FU!

THANKS, GUYS.

THE PRESI-DENT'S— THAT IS, RIAS GREMORY-SAMA'S VIRGINITY IS MINE!!

JUST SOME ENTER-TAINMENT I'VE PREPARED.

...ONII-SAMA.

WHAT'S GOING ON, RISER?

LADY RIAS, WHAT IS THIS?

!!

S-SIRZECHS-SAMA, ISN'T THAT A BIT BRASH?

I WANTED TO SEE THE DRAGON'S POWER, SO I ASKED GRAYFIA TO SET THIS UP.

BUT PUTTING MY INEXPERIENCED SISTER UP AGAINST A GENIUS LIKE RISER-KUN WASN'T QUITE FAIR.

OH, IT SHOULD BE FINE. THAT RATING GAME WAS A LOT OF FUN, NO?

IT WOULD DISHONOR MY VENERABLE FAMILY FOR ME TO THROW MY WEIGHT AROUND LIKE THAT, AS DEVIL KING. AND I REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR HIGH-CLASS DEVIL FAMILIES TO INTERMARRY.

...DO YOU MEAN THE RESULTS WERE INVALID?

THEN WHAT ARE YOU PROPOSING, SIRZECHS?

NO, NO. NOTHING LIKE THAT.

THESE TWO LEGENDARY BEASTS COULD GIVE US A BATTLE TO REMEMBER.

DRAGON VERSUS PHOENIX. IT WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE SHOW, DON'T YOU AGREE?

FATHER, I MERELY WANT TO SPICE UP MY LOVELY SISTER'S ENGAGEMENT PARTY.

SHIIIN (SILENCE)

NOW, DRAGON-WIELDER-KUN, WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR, IN THE EVENT OF YOUR VICTORY?

...BUT OF COURSE. I CAN HARDLY REFUSE A REQUEST FROM YOU, SIRZECHS-SAMA.

IN ANTICI-PATION OF MY MARRIAGE, I, RISER, WILL BEAR MY FLAME ONE LAST TIME!

RISER— WON'T YOU DEMONSTRATE YOUR POWER TO RIAS AND ME, JUST THIS ONCE?

DRAGON-WIELDER-KUN, IF I HAVE YOUR PERMISSION ...

HE IS A DEVIL, AFTER ALL. IF NOTHING ELSE, IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT HIS EFFORTS BE SUITABLY REWARDED.

SIR-ZECHS-SAMA !?

FOR THIS LOWLY CREA-TURE?? REALLY ...!?

...RIAS GREMORY-SAMA.

PLEASE RETURN ...

SO THEN, WHAT DO YOU DESIRE? A POSITION IN THE PEERAGE? A WORLD-CLASS BEAUTY?

PACHIN (SNAP)

I'VE PREPARED AN ARENA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

TCH ...!

FINE, THEN. SHOULD YOU PREVAIL, YOU MAY ESCORT RIAS AWAY FROM HERE.

I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES. YOUR "BOOSTED GEAR" IS A SACRED GEAR THAT DOUBLES YOUR POWER EVERY TEN SECONDS.

VULIN CHUMMMD

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SURE!

I'LL END THIS IN TEN SECONDS FLAT.

IT APPEARS YOU'VE ALSO MANIFESTED A NEW ABILITY THAT LETS YOU TRANSFER THAT POWER, BUT...

...DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN BEAT AN IMMORTAL LIKE ME WITH THAT?

PROMO-
TION!
QUEEN!

DOKUN
(BADUM)

GOO
(VOOM)

TEN SECONDS? THAT'S BIG TALK COMING FROM YOU! IN THAT CASE, I'LL END YOU IN JUST FIVE!

I'VE GOT NO TALENT AT SWORDPLAY LIKE KIBA, AND I'M NO GENIUS AT MAGIC LIKE AKENO-SAN!

I DON'T HAVE KONEKO-CHAN'S CRAZY STRENGTH OR ASIA'S HEALING POWER!

PRESI-
DENT!

I'LL BECOME THE STRONGEST PAWN AND PROVE THAT I CAN PROTECT YOU!

BUT FOR YOU, I'D EVEN KILL GOD!

KA (SHINE)

SHINE ON! OVER-BOOST !!

WELSH DRAGON OVERBOOSTER!!!!

ZUN (THOOM)

ARMOR!? HE MATERIALIZED THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER INTO A SUIT OF ARMOR!?

THIS IS THE DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER! BALANCE BREAKER, "BOOSTED GEAR SCALE MAIL"!

YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS. ANY LONGER AND YOUR BODY WILL BE FINISHED.

BA (WHAP)

THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BLOW THIS CHUMP AWAY!

LET'S GO!

KYUIIN (CHARGE)

DO (BOOM)

X

KUHHH !!

THIS IS IT!

KIIIN (BURST)

GOO (VOOM)

DOSHU (SHOOM)

IX

GOO (VOOM)

WHA—!?

DOSHUN (FWOOSH)

DON (SMASH)

ZU (FSSHH)

!?

...SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN'T CONTROL THAT POWER YET.

ZASHA (SSSS)

GARA

GARA (CRUMBLE)

YOU LITTLE SHIT WITH YOUR DAMNED RED DRAGON EMPEROR! SORRY, BUT I'M NOT HOLDING BACK ANYMORE!

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT YOU'RE REALLY A BEAST IN THIS FORM!

GOOO

RIAS WILL WITNESS YOU FALL!

GOKIN (KAWHAM)

VIII

AS IF YOUR LAME LITTLE FLAMES CAN DO ANYTHING TO STOP ME!!

KUH !!

THE FLAMES OF THE PHOENIX CAN IN FACT PENETRATE A DRAGON'S SCALES. TAKING HIS ATTACKS HEAD-ON IS DANGEROUS.

PISHI (CRACK)

VII

HA-HA-HA! SCARED NOW? IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT ARMOR, I COULD BURN YOU TO ASH WITH BARELY A TOUCH!

WITHOUT YOUR SACRED GEAR, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT TRASH!

THAT MAY BE TRUE!

BUT!

GO (SLAM)

GAH-HAAH!

I BORROWED THIS FROM ASIA.

SHUUU (FSSSHHH)

GWAAAH! THIS PAIN, IT'S—! YOU BAS-TARD!

VI

CHARA (DANGLE)

WITH THE GIFT OF THIS HOLY POWER BOOSTING MY ATTACK, EVEN AN IMMORTAL LIKE YOU'S GOT TO BE FEELING SOMETHING.

!!

...DID YOU SACRIFICE THAT ARM TO THE DRAGON ...?

IMPOSSIBLE! THAT CROSS SHOULD BE CAUSING YOU UNTOLD PAIN SINCE YOU'RE A DEVIL!! EVEN WITH THE DRAGON'S ARMOR, HAVING THE CROSS IN YOUR HAND SHOULD—

THAT WOULD EXPLAIN YOUR ABSURD STRENGTH!

TOKUN (BADUM)

SO MY ARM IS ACTUALLY THE DRAGON'S ARM NOW. THAT'S WHY THE CROSS HAS NO EFFECT.

THAT'S RIGHT. IN EXCHANGE FOR GETTING TO USE THIS POWER, EVEN JUST TEMPORARILY, I GAVE UP MY LEFT ARM.

FOR THE PRICE OF ONE ARM, THE PRESIDENT CAN COME HOME WITH US. SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL TO ME.

YOU DO REALIZE YOU'LL NEVER GET YOUR ARM BACK. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

V

GOOOO (VOOOOM)

I'LL GIVE MY ALL TO CRUSH YOU!

SO!

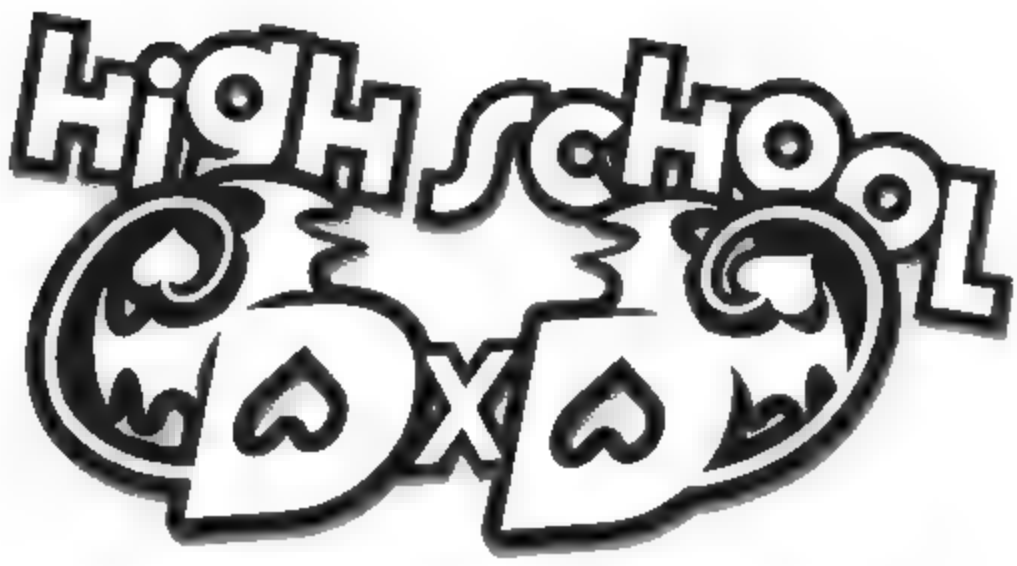
YOU'RE SCARY...? FOR THE FIRST TIME, I ACTUALLY FEEL FEAR...

YOU'RE INSANE... THAT MUST BE WHY YOU'RE ABLE TO UNLEASH SUCH DRIVEN AND PURPOSEFUL ATTACKS...

RAAAAAGH!

IV

HIGH SCHOOL
DXD
D×D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LIFE.22.5: I'M GOING TO START A NEW LIFE. ②

—WELL, THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP.

IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ALSO GOING TO BE LIVING IN THE HYOUDOU HOUSE FROM NOW ON.

兵藤

SIGN: HYOUDOU

I HOPE MY IGNORANCE IS NOT TOO MUCH OF A BOTHER, FATHER, MOTHER.

DON (BA-BAM)

...SHE SOMEHOW MANIPULATED US INTO LETTING HER MOVE IN.

I'D LIKE TO STRENGTHEN MY BONDS WITH MY SERVANTS.

SO AFTER I BROKE UP THE PRESIDENT'S ENGAGEMENT TO RISER...

BOX: MAKAI MOVERS

OH, I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER! WITH ASIA-CHAN AND RIAS-SAN, NOW I'VE GOT TWO DAUGHTERS.

ONII-SAMA !!

GO AWAY...

THEY SAY THE SHOCK OF TASTING LOSS FOR THE FIRST TIME FORCED RISER INTO A BEDRIDDEN STATE.

—AS FOR MY TRANS-FORMED LEFT ARM...

YUP... NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. I'M THIS GUY'S SON. WE'VE EVEN GOT THE SAME DREAM.

ISSEI, YOU JUST MIGHT ACCOMPLISH MY BOYHOOD FANTASY!

YOU SAID IT, DEAR! IT'S EVERY MAN'S DREAM TO BE SURROUNDED BY GIRLS!

WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF IT EVERY FEW DAYS. THE PROCESS, THOUGH... WHO'DA THUNK THE PRESIDENT AND AKENO-SAN WOULD HAVE TO HELP ME OUT LIKE THAT...?

THANKS TO AKENO-SAN'S DILIGENT RESEARCH, WE MANAGED TO RETURN IT TO NORMAL. IT SEEMS THAT BY DISPELLING THE DRAGON'S POWER, WE CAN HOLD OFF THE TRANSFORMATION.

GUH-FU-FU... MAYBE THIS ARM AIN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.

WELL, ISSEI, I'VE GOTTEN YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION. I'LL BE LIVING HERE, STARTING TODAY.

BE A DEAR AND CARRY MY THINGS UPSTAIRS, WOULD YOU?

AH, YOU CHANGED CLOTHES.

DDRAIG HASN'T SPOKEN TO ME SINCE THEN.

WHO'S THIS "WHITE BASTARD" ...? THERE'S SO MUCH I NEED TO ASK, BUT...

ZUUU

ZUN (LOOM)

IS IT JUST ME, OR HAVE THEY MULTI-PLIED?

O-OKAY.

トテテテ〜♪

IT'S NOTHING.

?

PUI (POUT)

BUTSU (MUTTER)

...AUUGH! MY HOPES WILL BE DASHED UNLESS I AGREE TO THIS POLYGAMOUS LIFE...BUT, BUT...IT GOES AGAINST THE TEACHINGS OF THE LORD... BUT IF THIS CONTINUES... HAUUGH...

HUH? WHADDAYA MEAN, POLYGAMY?

ISSEI-SAN, LET ME HELP YOU.

TOTATA (TROT)

!!

SERI-OUSLY!?

ISSEI, AFTER WE'RE DONE HERE, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A BATH...

WANT ME TO WASH YOUR BACK FOR YOU?

ASI-A!?

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME OUT, ISSEI-SAN! PRESI-DENT!

ARRRGH! I WANT TO DO A NUDE ENCOUNTER TOO!

SIGN: HYOUDOU

I REALLY DON'T GET GIRLS! AM I REALLY ON MY WAY TO FULFILLING MY HAREM DREAM? ALL I CAN SAY FOR SURE IS THIS—

WHOOA!

DOTAAAN (CRASH)

MY ORDINARY LIFE IS GETTING CRAZIER BY THE DAY.

UU... I DON'T WANNA LOSE, BUT I PROBABLY WILL...!

FURA (SHAKE)

ERR.

OH.

ASIA, ARE YOU DECLARING WAR ON ME?

GRRR.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 5!

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LIFE.22:
I'M GONNA BLOW AWAY THAT FIRE BIRD!

IV

DOON
(BOOM)

ONII-SAMA!

ISSEI!

ZUZUZUZU (FSSSHHH)

WHAT HAPPENED ...?

NII GRIND

HEY, DRAGON EMPEROR! THAT WASN'T TEN SECONDS! WASN'T MY SACRIFICE ENOUGH!?

YOUR SACRIFICE WAS QUITE ENOUGH. WHAT WAS INSUF-FICIENT WERE YOUR OWN BASIC ABILITIES.

YOU NEED MORE TRAIN-ING.

PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME THAT ARMOR ONE MORE TIME! I'LL PAY WHATEVER YOU WANT!! AN EYE? A LEG!? NAME IT!

...! YOU'RE SAYING THAT EVEN WITH ALL THAT BRUTAL TRAINING, IT STILL WASN'T ENOUGH ...?

USING BALANCE BREAKER TWICE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU AS YOU ARE NOW.

IT'S 'COS I'M SO WEAK, HUH...? SHIT. WHY CAN'T I BE THE HERO WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS...?

EVEN THE ONLY ADVANTAGE I'VE GOT WASN'T ENOUGH. I'M SO USELESS!

SUU (FSSHH)

IN THE MOMENT THE ARMOR FADED, I LEFT SOME OF MY POWER IN THE JEWEL ON YOUR ARM.

BUT I DOUBT IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO OVERWHELM PHOENIX.

IN TRUTH, I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D GET THIS FAR. IF YOU'D HAD ONE MORE YEAR—

NO, SIX MONTHS EVEN, YOU COULD'VE MADE THE DRAGON'S POWER YOUR OWN AND BEATEN ME SOUNDLY.

GASHI (GRAB)

YOU'VE DONE QUITE WELL FOR A PAWN, I MUST SAY.

SHUT... UP... STOP PATRON-IZING ME!

YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME A POWERFUL DEVIL.

HMM? DON'T DESPAIR. RIAS AND I WILL MARRY, AND I'LL TRAIN YOU PERSONALLY.

WHEN YOU WAKE UP, THE CEREMONY WILL ALREADY BE OVER.

BO GWOOMD

IT'S ABOUT TIME I KNOCKED YOU OUT. BUT DON'T WORRY. I'LL MAKE IT QUICK. YOU WON'T FEEL MUCH PAIN.

YEAH... NO PROBLEM, ASIA.

—PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL COME BACK SAFELY, WITH THE PRESIDENT.

YUP. WILL DO, PRESIDENT!

—IN THE MEANTIME, AIM TO BE THE STRONGEST "PAWN."

IF YOU NEED TO PUT OUT A FIRE ...

SU (SLIP)

WE'RE ALL GONNA GO BACK TOGETHER. EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU!

PASHA (SPLASH)

...NOTHING BEATS WATER!

HOLY WATER!?

GIFT!

SHUUU (FSSSHHH)

BOOSTED GEAR!

YOU WOULDN'T!

SHUWAAA (SIZZLE)

TRANSFER!!

JYU (ZAP)

UGAHHHHHH!!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A PHOENIX HE IS, HE CAN'T INSTANTANEOUSLY REGENERATE HIS SPIRIT.

PHOENIX WON'T BE BEATEN BY A BIT OF ENHANCED HOLY WATER, BUT STILL, IT WILL DO A NUMBER ON BOTH HIS BODY AND MIND.

BOOSTING THE EFFECTS OF BOTH AT THE SAME TIME DID SOME REAL DAMAGE, HUH?

ASIA FILLED ME IN! DEVILS CAN'T STAND CROSSES AND HOLY WATER.

PISHA (DRIP)

PUSU (STEAM)

PUSU

KUH... YOU BASTARD!

GOOO (VOOM)

THEN THERE'S WHAT KIBA SAID!

USE YOUR PERIPHERAL VISION TO SEE THE OPPONENT AND THE TERRAIN.

BA (LEAP)

AKENO-SAN GAVE ME ADVICE TOO!

DRAW FROM YOUR AURA TO LET MAGIC ENVELOP YOUR WHOLE BODY.

TRANSFER!!

AIM EVERY BLOW AT THE OPPONENT'S CORE. STRIKE PRECISELY AND FOLLOW THROUGH!

KONEKO-CHAN GAVE ME THESE WORDS OF WISDOM!

WAIT!

WA—

DON'T YOU GET IT? THIS ENGAGEMENT IS BOTH NECESSARY AND VITAL FOR THE FUTURE OF ALL DEVILKIND!!

AN IGNORANT BABY OF A DEVIL SHOULDN'T BE CAPABLE OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE COMPLICATED STUFF, BUT I DO KNOW THIS. WHEN YOU BEAT ME AND I WAS LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS, THE LAST THING I SAW...

...WAS THE PRESIDENT, CRYING!

THAT'S REALLY ALL THE REASON I NEED...

...TO KICK YOUR ASS!

DO GYAAAAN

DOSA (WHUMP)

ONII-SAMA!

HOW COULD I LOSE TO...

FURA (SHAKE)

BFFT!

GAH-HAH!

IF YOU'VE GOT ANYTHING TO SAY, COME AND TELL ME TO MY FACE! I'LL FIGHT YOU ANY TIME!

...TO TAKE PRESIDENT—THAT IS, MY MASTER, RIAS GREMORY-SAMA—HOME WITH ME.

PLEASE FORGIVE MY INSOLENCE, BUT I'M HERE...

...

ISSEI.

LET'S GO, PRES-IDENT.

THIS IS THE MAGIC SEAL GRAYFIA-SAN GAVE ME...

!!

PAAA (GLOW)

KA (FLASH)

...WHAT THE—

GIIIII (SCREEEE)

A GRYPHON...

SURI
SURI (RUB)
GUESS GRAYFIA-SAN PREPARED THIS FOR US...
YES.
WELL, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, PRESI-DENT!
BASA (FLAP)
WE'LL BE WAITING IN THE CLUBROOM, GUYS!

LORD PHOENIX, I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR HOW THIS ALL TURNED OUT.

IT'S MY FAULT FOR ENABLING SUCH SCANDAL, I SUPPOSE. STILL—

LORD GREMORY. I HAD THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD MATCH BETWEEN FELLOW PURE-BLOODED DEVILS, BUT ALAS, TOO MUCH WAS ASKED OF BOTH PARTIES.

BOTH OF OUR HOUSES ALREADY HAVE PUREBLOOD GRANDCHILDREN, BUT STILL, WE CRAVED MORE, DEVILS THAT WE ARE.

OR PERHAPS IT WAS BECAUSE WE TRULY WITNESSED HELL, BACK DURING THE WAR...

.....NO, I TOO OVER-BURDENED MY DAUGHTER WITH MY OWN DESIRES.

HYOUDOU-KUN, WAS IT? I WANTED TO THANK HIM. MY SON NEEDED A GOOD LOSS.

HE TENDS TO OVERESTIMATE THE TALENTS OF OUR CLAN, SO I'M SURE HE LEARNED QUITE THE LESSON FROM THIS.

LORD PHOENIX ...

IF HE LEARNED EVEN THAT MUCH, THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH, LORD GREMORY.

THE PHOENIX IS NOT ABSOLUTE.

...BUT I NEVER IMAGINED THAT MY DAUGHTER WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED THAT OF ALL THINGS.

YOUR DAUGHTER HAS SOME GOOD SERVANTS UNDER HER. THE DEVIL REALM PROMISES TO BE MUCH MORE INTERESTING FROM NOW ON.

THE WHITE DRAGON.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE RED AND WHITE CLASH.

...I SUPPOSE THAT, BEFORE LONG...

YES, INDEED. I'M SURE IT'S OUT THERE ALREADY, IN FACT.

THE RED DRAGON..... I HAD TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES TO BELIEVE THAT THAT AWFUL POWER HAD ENDED UP ON OUR SIDE.

YOU GAVE UP YOUR OWN ARM TO BORROW THE DRAGON'S POWER...?

YOU IDIOT.

AND THANKS TO THIS, I BEAT RISER AND GOT YOU BACK, PRESIDENT!

HA HA HA...

FOR A TALENTLESS HACK LIKE ME TO ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE POWER? ONE ARM IS NOTHING.

IT WAS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY.

ASIA'S GOING TO CRY HER EYES OUT WHEN SHE SEES THIS.

I COULD SAY I'M COSPLAYING! NAH, NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE THAT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YEAH, THAT'S KIND OF A PAIN.

YOUR LEFT ARM WON'T GO BACK TO NORMAL, YOU KNOW.

...I'M SURE THIS ISN'T THE LAST TIME THEY'LL TRY TO MARRY ME OFF. IF THIS KEEPS HAPPENING—

...WE MIGHT HAVE MANAGED TO BREAK OFF THIS ENGAGEMENT, BUT...

THAT'S ALL I'M GOOD FOR. I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE TO COME TO YOUR RESCUE.

NOTHING'LL STOP ME FROM SAVING YOU, PRESIDENT.

I'LL GIVE MY RIGHT ARM NEXT TIME AND THEN MY EYES THE TIME AFTER THAT.

GIRLS IN JAPAN CARE A LOT ABOUT "FIRST KISSES," RIGHT?

UH, YEAH. BUT WHY'RE YOU...?

I'M RIAS GREMORY'S "PAWN," AFTER ALL.

YOUR ACTIONS WERE WORTHY OF MY FIRST KISS. CONSIDER IT YOUR REWARD.

WOULD YOU LIKE MY VIRGINITY TOO?

ACK!!

A— ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY WITH ME!?

YES, PLEASE!

AH!

...OH, ISSEI. ALWAYS SO STRAIGHT-FORWARD, FU FU! EVEN ABOUT NAUGHTY THINGS.